

Spring Thaw Seminars

The Northeast District will again be sponsoring a series of Spring Thaw Seminars throughout the District. These seminars are aimed at mine owners, operators, and supervisors. They are not intended to serve as annual refresher training for miners. This year's theme is "Building and Rebuilding a Safety Culture." Speakers, primarily from industry, will be giving talks on a variety of topics including:

Maintenance and Guarding Programs;
Contractors (overlapping compliance responsibilities);
Leadership (Commitment to safety by example);
Cost of Accidents (monetary and/or emotional) ;
Complacency and Safety; and,
Supervisor Responsibilities and Accidents

Specific topics and speakers will vary from location to location. The seminars are free of charge, but room may be limited. If you are interested in attending, please contact the individuals listed below to let them know you will be coming and to obtain specific directions.

The seminars will start at 9 a.m. and last until about 3 p.m. There will be a break for lunch, but lunch is not provided.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
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